(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the likely impact on Indian security; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Casualties of military personnel and civilians on Indo-Pak border

651. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of armed forces personnel and civilians who lost their lives in the course of exchange of fire between India-Pakistan forces during the last three months in War-like situation along Indo-Pak borders;

(b) what were the other losses along the borders during the said period; and

(c) what is the present situation along the Indo-Pak borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 151 Army personnel were killed between 19th December, 2001 and 14th February, 2002 due to all causes including enemy fire, mine casualties etc. Air Force and Navy have not reported any casualty. Information on the number of civilians killed in the exchange of fire is being collected.

(b) 16 bunkers were destroyed and 14 bunkers damaged in Jammu & Kashmir during exchange of fire between December 2001 and February 2002. Civilian losses are being ascertained.

(c) Pakistan has mobilized its armed forces along the Indo-Pak Border. Our forces have also been mobilized and have occupied a balanced defensive posture and are suitably poised to ensure the security of our borders. Pakistan army activities along the International Border and Line of Control are constantly monitored and a high state of vigilance is being maintained.